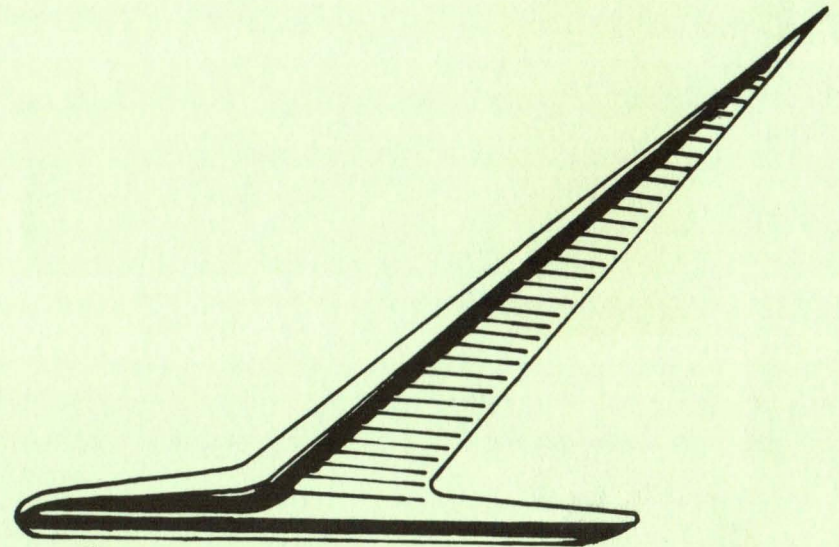


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THE FALCON NEWS is published monthly with information from its members. All ads must be sent to the Editor by the 10th of the month, with a limit of 2 ads per member per issue. Each ad must appear in a different section of the classified ads. The FCA will not be held responsible for errors. Legitimate errors will be corrected in the next issue when requested.

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#### THE CLUB STORE ITEMS

Memo Pad ("Falcon Club of America" imprint).....	\$ .75
Decal (National Club window decal).....	1.25
Patches: National Club Patch (3" round).....	2.25
Ford Falcon (oval, blue & gold).....	2.25
Falcon (rectangular, 2" x 4", red & gold).....	2.25
1960-1963 Reproduction shop manuals (includes V-8 section).....	30.00
Falcon Club of America license plate (white with red writing).....	4.50
Falcon Book (By Ray Miller, covers all Falcons-has 320 pages-hardcover).....	30.00
Falcon Book (By Phil Cottrill, covers 60-63 Falcons has 150 pages).....	16.00
Falcon Poster (24" x 36", has 28 color pictures of Falcons).....	4.00
Falcon Fender Covers (24" x 40", with Falcon imprint).....	15.00
Hat (New all red with National club patch on front).....	7.50
T-shirts: Regular (sizes, child S-M-L, adult S-M-L-XL).....	6.50
V-Neck (sizes, adult L-XL only).....	8.50
Ladies Blouses (sizes S-M-L).....	9.50
Sweat shirts (mens and ladies, grey with red imprint).....	12.50

All prices include postage and handling. Be sure to state size. All checks and money orders should be made to The Falcon Club of America. Send all orders to Pat Sword, Tour Chairman, 629 N. Hospital Drive, Jacksonville, AR, 72076.

#### \*\*\*SPECIAL NOTICE\*\*\*

The Falcon News will now accept Commercial Ads for the newsletter. They must be sent to the Falcon Club of America (Ad Department), 629 N. Hospital Drive, Jacksonville, AR, 72076. All ads must be received by the 10th of the month or it will appear in the next issue of the Falcon News.

All ads for the classified section of the newsletter must appear with the member's name or it is considered a commercial ad and must be paid for.

ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY. ADS WILL APPEAR IN THE FALCON NEWS ONLY WHERE SPACE PERMITS.

COMMERCIAL AD RATES: FULL PAGE.....	\$50.00
(Price per month) HALF PAGE.....	30.00
QUARTER PAGE.....	20.00
BUSINESS CARD.....	5.00

Only auto related ads will be accepted for the Falcon News. "WARNING" The FCA has no way of checking each advertiser, so the FCA accepts no responsibility for any dealings with advertisers. Let us know of any experiences, good or bad. The Falcon Club has the right to reject any or all commercial ads.



## Parts for Sale Continued

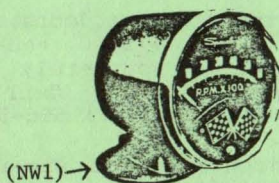
'61 Ranchero box trim \$15, front fenders \$15 each, excellent grille with parking lights \$15, any glass \$15. Freight extra. Also 62 fenders, read good \$20 each, trunk lid \$15, hood \$15, left front door with glass \$20. Paul White, 28 Okaloosa, Sorrento, FL 32776 (904) 383-7279 #1472

1963 Sprint wire wheelcovers 13", two sets one set very good \$60.00, one set fair to good \$45.00. Prices include shipping. P.J.V., 891 E. Lincoln, Highway, Exton, PA 19341 #305

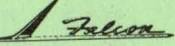
'64 and '65 Futura hardtops, '64 Futura conv. - many good used parts, reasonable prices (no windshields). SASE with needs for quick response. Howie Wheeler, 31 Metcalf Road, Tolland, CT 06084. (203) 871-6916, evenings.

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Service Ctr. -   
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Tachometer repair/restoration/  
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Repair non-working tach (1 yr. warranty) - \$100.00 (Approx. 3-week turnaround)  
Restore working tach (new RPM/Sprint faceplate & lens with flazs) - \$60.00  
Repair and restore - \$160.00  
Conversion (3" dial Rotunda) to Sprint - \$60.00; repair - \$100.00  
New Repo Items: Baseplate for 63 Sprint tach - \$25.00 (NW1)  
65 Futura/Sprint gas cap plastic insert replacement kit - \$30.00  
65 grill emblem - \$30.00  
62/63 deck lid ornament plastic insert replacement kit - \$30.00 (available soon; advance orders accepted) (NW2)  
60/63 Falcon heater gasket kit (HK2) (diecut foam) - \$5.95  
64/65 Falcon/Comet heater gasket kit (HK1) - \$4.95  
Silver mylar door panel insert replacement material (not exact, but looks excellent; samples available): 62/63 - \$35.00 (front & rear); 64 - \$25.00 (f&r)  
Solid sterling Falcon pins (65 standard fender emblem) - \$9.95

Send SASE for inquiries. Add 15% for shipping, ins., handling if ordering.  
10% discount for FCA club members.



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The Dixieland Chapter  
Fleming Horne, Jr., 7645 Memphis-Arlington Rd., Memphis, TN, 38124.  
The Lone Star Chapter  
Barby Brunken, 3236 Amherst, Dallas, TX, 75225, (Meets every third Sunday. For information call [212] 361-0115.)  
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Larry Wilson, RR 4, Box 116, Alexandria, IN, 46001.  
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Phillip Cottrill, 131 Ash Lane, Elkton, MD, 21921.  
The Northeast Chapter  
4 Faith Street, Burlington, VT, 05401.

## OTHER CLUBS OF INTEREST

The Ford Falcon Club of San Diego, P. O. Box 3306, San Diego, CA, 92103.  
The Ford Falcon Club of Los Angeles, 4873 West 134th Street, Hawthorne, CA, 90250.  
The Ford Falcon Club of Arizona, 10209 N. 64th Street, Scottsdale, AZ, 85253.  
Fairlane Club of America, 212A Pilgrim Ln., Drexel Hill, PA, 19026.  
The Ranchero Club, 1339 Beverly Rd., Portvue, PA, 15133.  
Comet Club, 2520 Homewood Place, White Bear Lake, MN, 55110.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: The club will send out notices to each member the month before membership expires. Be sure to send your renewal in early to retain your original membership number. If you do not renew your membership within 90 days after it has expired, your membership number will be placed in the inactive file and will no longer be used by the club.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the new year here, let us all work together to make this a bigger and better Club again this year.

I believe the FCA had a great year last year, we got several Chapters off to a roll, gained about 400 members and had a great national meet. So this year, why don't you be a part of the FCA.

You can send information to the Editor for the Falcon News, volunteer to do a special project concerning Falcons, if you have an idea for something, talk with Harold, he will help you with it through the Newsletter.

Again, this year let the Editor know about those meets you have so he can publish it in the Falcon News.

Remember the more you do for your club, the more it can do for you.

January is the month for all Chapters to send in a list of their membership to the National Secretary.

The national meet is only a few months away, be making your plans for it in St. Louis, Missouri August 10th through the 12th.

President, FCA  
Roy E. Sword

What is it?

(hint: it

looks like

Eugene Wit's

bright Red

SPRINT!



## PARTS FOR SALE

Early logo Falcon or Comet key and key holder. Fits all '60-'65. Supply very limited, \$4.00 each. Ray Thompson, 8422 E. Cortez, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260. (602) 998-8624 FCA #867

Plastic Chrome Plating. Professional vacuum metalizing of your Falcon plastic interior parts. 1960-63 gauge bezel @ \$12.50. 1964-65 4-piece dash @ \$42.50. Add \$3.50 shipping. Workmanship guaranteed to your satisfaction! You can use tape for masking. SASE for free brochure. Bob Heil, #1244, 8925 Bristol Ct., Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197 (313) 326-1858 days, 485-4655 eves.

Complete air conditioner removed from 1964 Falcon V-8. Excellent condition \$325 post paid. H. McLean, 1480 Nora Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304. (904) 576-8206

1963 Sprint - 13" spoke hubcaps, nice \$100. '64 14" spoke hubcaps, nice \$100. '63 Sprint tack, \$250. Parts cars (14) 63-67 S.A.S.E. with needs. Joe Bassett, 123 Martin Pond, Groton, MA. (617) 448-6231

1963, 4 door Futura parts: Front doors, need work \$50.00 each; Rear doors, excellent shape \$75.00 each; Hood and deck lid, excellent shape \$75.00 each, Completely rebuilt 144 CID Engine \$250.00, Rear windshield \$50.00. Call after 6 p.m. David Carvitt, Milton, Mass. 02187. (617) 696-5552 #1431

1960, 1961 and 1962 Falcon electric wiper motors - brand new in original boxes. Replaces vacuum motor with no alterations - even uses existing wiper switch control, also great for engine conversions where you can't use a double action fuel pump. Motors have 2 speeds and automatic park position. Only a few left at \$44.95 each, plus \$4.00 U.P.S. Also 1960 - 1963 144 cu. in. and 170 cu. in. used Clifford Research Headers - Good Condition, used 6 mos. \$50.00 plus shipping and new 250 cu. in. Maverick Headers by Clifford Research \$75.00 plus shipping. Bob Binetti, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (201) 725-3637. #261

1964 Conv. top - complete with chrome, cylinders and pump. Lines little rust on each corner, rubber is fair \$125.00. FOR TRADE: 2 way wiper switch 1964 Falcon. Would trade motor with switch for a good 1964 or 1965 Falcon Sprint gas cap. Phone (601) 287-3668. #846

Car for sale: 1961 Falcon Ranchero, 289 V-8, Auto trans New radial tires Bucket Seats, Button tuck interior. 1st \$800 buys it. Ricky Dilks, Osawatomie, KS (913) 755-6402.



## Cars for Sale Continued

Sprint for sale. A 260 v-8, A/T restored to show cond. new top in blue, new tires, rugs, seats, trunk mat, paint (Glacier Blue) all original equipment, tach, wire spinners, 1" ww tires, all chrome engine goodies, nos exterior trim throughout. Radio heater gig lighter and all interior controls restored or replaced with nos or exc. used. This car runs and drives like new. Could be driven to FCA nationals from anywhere in the country. Trophy winner many times over. Not the very best in the country. But certainly one of the best. Looking to sell this pet for \$4950 or best reasonable offer to someone who will take care of and love it like I have. Milt Robar, President, FCA Northeast Chapter, Rt. 67, Warren Road, Palmer, MA 01069. (413) 283-3132 #93

2 - 1963 Futura Convertibles - both 6 - std. - one is a 4 speed, one red the other is blue - cars need restoring - not running \$2000 for pair - call for details. Barby Brunken, 3236 Amtterst, Dallas, Texas 75225. (214) 361-0115 Photos: \$1.00 each

1963 Futura Convertible. 6 cyl., automatic, 70,000 miles. Has new blue paint with new black top, original blue bench seat interior with no tears. Original boot for top. Engine has had valve job, new hyd lifters and timing chain in last 6 months. Car is complete with all chrome, hubcaps, etc. \$2,900. Ron Coffin, 6 Woodbine Road, Marshfield, MA 02050. (617) 837-3808

1965 Sprint hard top for sale body only good. \$150.00 for body. Esker Nelms, 3016 Hwy. 45 N., Corinth, Miss. 38834. (601) 287-3668 #846

1969 Falcon Coupe; 1 owner gave 14 years of tender loving care; complete maintenance record available; 200 CID IV 6-cylinder; select-shift cruise-o-matic; radio, undercoated; new tires and battery; 140,000 mi.; blue. G. Evan, P.O. Box 2533, Clearwater, FL 33517. (813) 398-2700 after 6 p.m.; #1144

1964 Falcon Futura conc. 170 C.I., auto, r&h, 2 speed wipers, mileage 93,256 (original) color is dark blue with 2 tone blue interior and black top. Recently purchased from elderly man who garaged it for 20 years. This Falcon is completely original. Priced fairly at \$2,395 or best offer. Bob Young, 13 Eustis Avenue, Wakefield, MA. 01880 (617) 245-2577 #1644

1964 Falcon Sprint conv. 260 V-8, auto, p.s., 2 speed wipers. Car is in restoration stage. Frame rails and floors are all done. Needs light body work and paint. Color is white, red bucket seat interior, black top. N.O.S. items: seat covers, sprint muffler, clock, tach, carpets \$3,850 or best offer. Bob Young, 13 Eustis Avenue, Wakefield, MA. 01880 (617) 245-2577 #1644

## From the Editor:

Have you noticed the number of old cars creeping into television, magazine and other advertising? Any evening you spend in front of the tube will provide you with many glimpses of '55 chevies, '65 mustangs, 50's stuff, etc. Collecting cars is slowly becoming just a bit camp. When they show you some guy leaning on a 57 fi Corvette huffing on one of their weeds, you know the average guy in the audience approves of '57 Vettes.

The other day I saw a chewing gum ad where all of the young folks were not only munching Juicy Fruit, they were motoring away in a nice '53 Chevy.

Of course all of the folks who manufacture automotive products would like you to believe that use of their product yields longevity, but I'm talking about the products that have nothing to do with automobiles. In each of these ads, the sponsor would like people to associate their product with a desirable pastime, and perhaps throw in the notion that people who use their product are creative, constructive people. Over time, this presentation of the collecting hobby will have an impact on it, hopefully a positive one.

One thing you can be sure of: If John Q citizen gets the idea that collecting cars is the thing to do, car prices will go up.

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My new year is off to a very nice start: I recovered my Mustang Fastback! Much to my surprise, the car was located in a neighboring state. I'm not at all sure what made the purchasers of the car come forward but it could have been the many ads I ran, and the flyers sent to all imaginable addresses of folks who deal in Mustangs. Incidentally, there was absolutely no damage to the car. Early cars including the Falcon are very easily stolen and altered. I can tell you from experience, it isn't always the other guy!

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I have now received five letters and two phone calls asking questions about valve cover and air clear cover colors for early Falcons. Does anybody have the answers? I would love to publish a chart with the appropriate colors for the years requested.

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from the Editor Continued

I recently had a bit of plastic chrome plating done on my '63. I took some pictures and did a bit of writing. Thus this issue's "how to" will be about the chrome plating, and next months, we'll continue with the Fordomatic.

Here's a matter I've been meaning to mention for a long time: the newsletter is mailed from President Swords town, Jacksonville, AR. Consequently, all correspondence concerning the mailing, i.e., change of address, or perhaps a missed issue, should be sent to Roy.

Here's some performance figures on the fastest Falcon that I've heard of thus far -- even faster than the Challangers: Speed Mach 2+; Range 2,000 N.mi; weight 35,400. It's described in the showroom brochure as "reliable, maintainable, affordable, long range, high payload, high technology, and all weather. Best of all its equipped with HUD (that's heads up display). This is one Falcon that probably won't find its way to your driveway, although it very probably could. Its the General Dynamics F-16 fighting Falcon. This tidbit, and brochure were supplied by member Ronald F. Wilson, who gives an APO address. Ronald also points out that the F-16 is no doubt the most expensive Falcon ever built. Maybe so, Ron, but the back seat leg room is strictly for the birds'.



Isn't this what  
it's all about?

Bill Hanson's  
handsome '65  
289.

## PARTS WANTED

One chrome rocker panel molding for the right hand side of our 1964 Falcon Sprint. Louis & Bernice Jackels, 3900 Emons Road, R.4, Appleton, Wis. 54915. (414) 788-6307

1965 Falcon hardtop interior door panels and rear 1/4 trim panels. Color not important, I'll dye. Would like them to be in good condition. Also need pair of rocket moldings. Ken Kowalk, 6138 Long Hwy., Eaton Rapids, MI. 48827. (517) 663-4263

Good grille and front bumper for '64 Falcon. Standard front left armrest (palamino). Bradley Simpson, 593 Oakland Terrace, Circleville, Ohio 43113. (614) 474-4688 #1419

For 1961 Falcon, 2 door hardtop (x). 2 stabilizer brackets #CDD-5486-A L&R 60/62; 1 stabilizer assy. w/rubber bushings #CDD-5482-B; 2 STRUTS, front susp. lower arm. #CDD-3468-F L&R; 2 steering arm stops. #CDD-3A706-C, R.H., #CDD-3A707-C, L.H. 60/62; 1 Rod Assy. - steer. arm to idler arm. # CDD-3304-C 60/62(x); 2 Horn blowing ring contact brush assys. upper, less insulator 60/62(x) CODZ-13A824-B. Inside door panels, grey in color, L&R front and rear. Send all info to: Mark L. Fristick, R.D. #2, Fernwood Rd., Wintersville, Ohio 43952. #521

Wanted for '64 Sprint hardtop - Seat covers for buckets and rear seat covers, both in red, (2) The chrom inside pieces that go around the windshield (3) The chrome strip on th console. Phone any Sunday night after 8:00 p.m. at this number (416) 725-0119 or meet me in St. Louis. John Byvelds #973

## CARS FOR SALE

Lead on car - '64 Conv. \$250.00 1-301-686-4248, Joe Orick.

1960 Falcon - 144 cu. in., 2 speed automatic, original raven black paint, stored winters, excellent condition, 56,000 miles, Best offer, Stephen Nelson, 135 North Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401. (802) 658-4187 #1628

1963 Falcon Sprint conv. V-8 4 speed, new top - T&L interior power top. New tires, must be seen this is one of the best \$4500. Call after 6:30 p.m. Joe Bassett (617) 448-6231

1964 Falcon Sprint convertible v-8, 4 speed, Rangoon Red, with white top, red interior. Car was restored last year, a beautiful car but must sell. \$5400 invested, plus a lot of work, will sell for \$5000. I have a lot of spare parts that go with car. Eugene Wit, 619 Evy Stree, Crete, Nebraska 68333. (402) 826-2249 #1003



## NEW 1960-1970 FALCON PARTS

FALCON MANUALS

1960-63, 65, 66, 67 & 68 Falcon Shop Manual	\$29.95
1960, 62, 63, 64, 67 68 & 70 Falcon Owners Manual	10.00
1964 Falcon Sprint Owners Manual Supplement	5.50
1960-64 Ford And Falcon Master Text And Illustrations (2 Vols.) (2,198 Pages)	40.00
1965-72 Ford And Falcon Master Text And Illustrations (Less Binders) (3,200 Pages)	70.00
1963-63½ Falcon Feature And Specification Manual	7.50
1964 Falcon Feature And Specification Manual	7.50
1965 Falcon Feature And Specification Manual	7.50
1964-65 Falcon Convertible Top Repair And Adjustment Manual	7.50

FALCON GOODIES

1963-64 Falcon "Sprint" Fender Ornament (Pair)	\$45.00
1963-64 "V8 Checkered Flag" Fender Ornament (Pair)	75.00
1960-65 "Ranchero" Fender Name Plate (Pair)	28.00
1962-63 Hood Letter Set "F.O.R.D." (Set)	17.50
1965 Grille Ornament	35.00
1960-61 Trunk Ornament	37.50
1964 "260 V8" Fender Name Plate (Pair)	28.50
1965 "289 V8" Fender Name Plate (Pair)	28.50
1960-65 Outside Door Handle Pad Set (4 Pieces)	6.50
1960-65 Front Door Glass Weatherstrip, Tudor And Ranchero (4 Pieces) (Set)	50.00
1960-65 Front Door Weatherstrip, Fordor (4 Pieces) (Set)	50.00

FALCON RUBBER WEATHERSTRIP

1963-65 Windshield Rubber Hardtop And Convertible	\$75.00
1960-65 Windshield Rubber Sedans, Ranchero And Wagons	45.00
1963-65 Back Glass Rubber Hardtop	65.00
1963-65 Back Glass Rubber Sedans	65.00
1960-65 Door Rubber Seals Tudor And Ranchero (Pair)	48.50
1960-65 Door Rubber Seals Fordor And Wagon (All 4 Doors) (Set)	75.00
1960-65 Vent Window Rubber (Fits All Except Convertible And Hardtop) (Pair)	45.00
1960-63 Trunk Rubber Seal	27.50
1964-70 Trunk Rubber Seal	37.50
1964-65 Tail Light To Body Rubber Pads (Pair)	17.00

FALCON DECAL KITS

1960-63 Falcon With 144 Engine . . . . . DK-1	\$10.00
1963-65 Falcon With 170 Or 200 Engine . . . . . DK-2	15.00
1963-65 Falcon With 260 Or 289 Engine (Except Sprint) . . . . . DK-3	20.00
1963-65 Falcon Sprint . . . . . DK-4	20.00

Above Kits Contain All The Decals Necessary To Replace The Factory Supplied Decals On The Car.

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## technical tips

For quite a few years, chrome plating of plastic car parts was simply not available. I remember searching all over the place for aluminum paint that at least was the right color, but it really never had the shine of the original chrome plating.

Fortunately, that's not the case anymore. There are several plastic chrome platers in the country, many of which advertise in the old car hobby press.

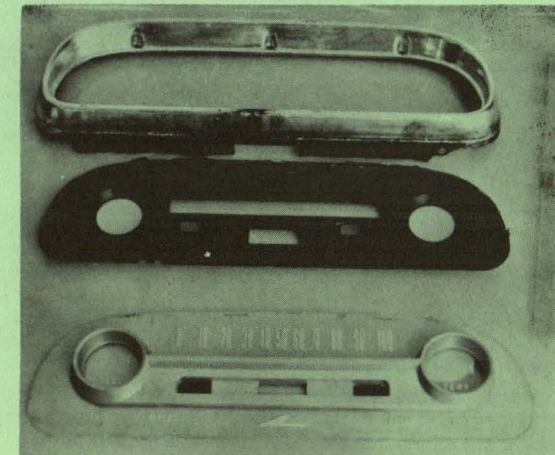
A word of caution, however, back in 1981, I purchased some air conditioner registers for my '65 Ranchero. within six months the shiny chrome finish had worn off. So until recently, I still had reservations about the process.

Falcon Club member Bob Heil, co-owner of Plastic Chrome Plating of Ypsilanti MI, sent me quite an extensive package describing their chrome plating process. According to Bob, their process is quite different. In any case I decided to give PCP a try, and provide the FN with a bit of writing at the same time.

The '63 Falcon has a chrome piece directly in the middle of the "instrument Cluster". I have tried every way to make it shiny, so Bob's new process was good news.

I put the project off for some time on the assumption that the entire speedometer housing had to be removed. Wrong! Here's how you do it.

1.) at the right appear the four major components. Look carefully at the top item. There are three screws at the top and two at the bottom. Removal of these five screws will allow you to remove everything you see in the picture as a unit.

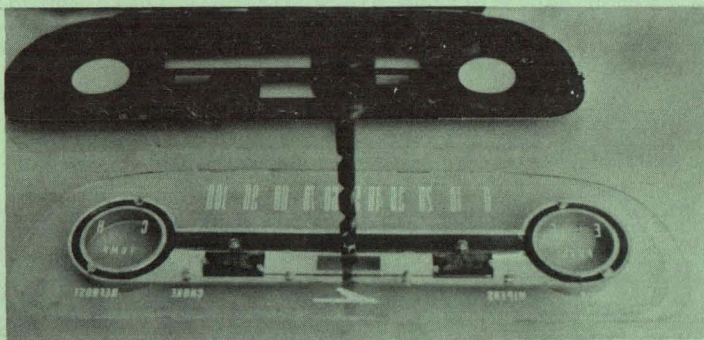




2.) When you do remove this group of parts they might choose not to co-operate. For example, the outside aluminum bezel might separate from the rest and leave the bottom three items in the previous picture behind. If that occurs, just use your imagination and perhaps your spouse's or child's small fingers to urge the rest out of its nest. Be careful because there are little cardboard tunnels glued to what is left behind. The little tunnels prevent your "OIL" and "GEN" lights from illuminating the wrong areas.

3.) The aluminum bezel can be taken aside and cleaned with a brillo pad if you wish. What you work with now is the stamped steel backing, the plexi glass lense to which is permanently attached the part you want chromed. Separate the steel backing from the plexi glass lense, and set it aside. (you might want to refinish it in semi gloss black. I think its best to let it alone, unless its finish is damaged.)

4.) Now we'll question the permanence of the above referenced connection of the lense to our piece to be chromed, which for want of a better term, let's call the chunk. Examine the back of the lense. Notice how there are about 11 small plastic "rivits" sticking through the lense. Your task is to drill each rivit so that the headed over area is taken away, but so that a goodly portion of the rivit is left behind.



As you can see from the picture, I used a drill much larger than the rivit. I suggest at least a 5/16 drill for the job. Incidentally, I used a drill press. If you are limited to a hand held drill, than you should start with a very small drill just enough to help you center the larger drill.

Ed Snyder's  
'64 Sprint  
must be one of  
the best in the  
Country.

Ed, of Perkasio,  
PA sends us this  
photo and a  
story:



"I would like to let you know how much I enjoy the FCA, from the first page to the last one. I feel you's all\* are doing a great job. Keep it up.

Here's one of my Falcons. A '64 Sprint 260 cid 4 speed. Color is vintage burgandy with Black crush vinyl interior. She came off the assembly line in Metuchen on Oct. 10, 1963.

Hope you enjoy looking at it as much as I enjoy driving it. Makes them heads turn when they see me pass by! (Eat your heart out)

Again keep up the good work on the FCA.

Ed Snyder #1437"

Thanks for the kind words, Ed. You smooth talked me into including your pic in this issue. Incidentally, the \* above is to provide a bit of guidance from the deep south. The term you're looking for is Y'ALL, can you dig it?

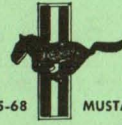


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A very brief Ed's note about the above ad: Glen Armstrong sent me a color photo of the advertised products. They look first rate.

Query: Does Rick Dilks own most of the Falcons in KS? This, according to Rick, is the "latest" in the collection! Thanks, Rick.



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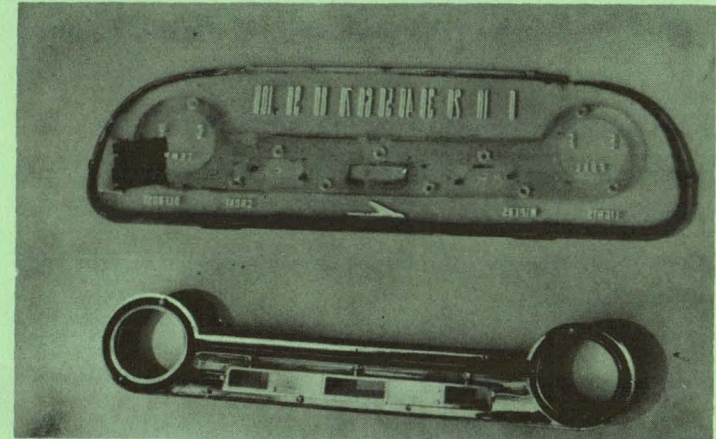
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As stated, the object is to drill away the headed over part of the rivit. Note that the heading over process was accomplished with heat.

5.) When all of the headed over area is removed turn the whole works over such that you can read the numbers on the lense. Make a crude sketch (don't kid your self--you know it'll be crude) which accurately shows the position of the "OIL" and "GEN" indicators.

6.) Carefully separete the chunk from the lense. Note that the two little "OIL" and "GEN" items are liberated for the first time in about 21 years. Understandably, they are anxious to roam all over your work area. Keep up with them.



Now you have the piece (chunk) that needs the chroming. Send it off to your favorite plastic chromer--preferably one that supports the Falcon News.

When you get it back, assembly is obviously the reverse of this process. There are two areas worthy of note: There are sevenpossible ways to arrange the little "OIL" and "GEN" items. Only one is correct. (wait a minute--actually there are fourteen!) But again, only one is right. Hopefully, your crude sketch will be of some aid. The two little items must be laid properly in the chunk, and the lense must be placed onto the chunk. It is important to ensure that the



chunk is completely down flat against the lense. When it is so, turn it over so that the side you drilled is facing up. A little dab of high quality glue should be carefully placed in the crater left by the drill such that there can be a bond between the rivit remains and the lense. Super glue will work, but I was delighted with the result I obtained with PVC plumbing glue. (you can get it in any discount store near the plumbing supplies.)

When I had the lense off and separte, I cleaned the side of the lense that faces the driver. I don't think that you should disturb the side with the engraved numbers. I used a high quality plastic cleaner.

As for the quality of the chrome job accomplished by Bob Heil, at this point it is perfect. With respect to predictions of its durability, Bob is not a modest man. Thus far, I am perfectly satisfied with he job. The shiny piece in the most visible part of the car certainly lends a "like new" appearance to the rest. Since I didn't want to motor around for a week or two with out the speedo lense on the car, I actually aquired one from a junker. Hey, but the principle's still the same. Good luck!

Here's a picture of Jerry Boganousk's '62 Sedan delivery. Now mind you, this is not your average run of the mill sedan delivery: this one--in Jerry's words--is BELOVED.

Jerry's had this fine example for six years now, having cajoled his Pop out of the car after he bought it in 1974.



Jerry furnishes us with some background information: "The car was sold in Chicago. The first owner requested it on Nov. 30, 1961. When my father bought it in 1974, it had been sitting in a cornfield in Iowa (Ed's note: Redundancy springs from poetic liscense) for six years." Jerry's deleivery was painted a sporty blue in Mid-August. Thanks for the Picture Jerry. You've a rare example.

## Chapter News

An organizational meeting of the North East Chapter was held on October 29, 1983 at the Sturbridge - Sheraton Inn, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. There were 14 member - families in attendance. The following officers were elected for one year terms:

<b>President:</b> Milton Robar Rt. 67, Warren Rd. Palmer, MA 01069 FCA #93	<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter A. Pappas 63 Exeter Street W. Springfield, MA 01089 FCA #1094
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It was decided that Chapter dues will be \$5.00 per family per year. Twenty-two people stayed and enjoyed dinner together at the Sheraton.

In attendance were: Gary Aldrich (62 Futura), Vinny DeLucia (63 Sprint Hdtp.), Gary Kinnear (65 Squire), Dennis LaVoie, Roy Leveille, Tom Massarelli, Paul Nolan, Charles and Evelyn O'Brien (64 Futura Conv.), Peter A. Pappas, Milt Robar (63 Sprint Conv.), Chris and Matt Scioscia (65 Sprint Hdtp.), Ray Verdon (65 Ranchero), Howie Wheeler, Pat Winter (63 Futura).

Plans are currently being made for the Spring Meet.

The officers would love to hear from anyone in our region interested in joining the Chapter or would like to help with setting up the Spring Meet - or who just wants to talk FALCONS.

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